

Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program

Together for a healthier Kansas



Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Bureau of Community Health Systems
1000 SW Jackson, Suite 340
Topeka, KS 66612-1365
Telephone (785) 296-1200, Fax (785) 296-1231

www.ksfhp.org

Volume 6, Issue 2



Resource for Providers with Spanish Speaking Patients

Conozca las preguntas (Know the Questions) is a new Spanish-language website of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) located at www.ahrq.gov/preguntas. It offers Spanish-speaking patients tips to improve their communication with their medical providers.

AHRQ data show that the proportion of Hispanics reporting poor communication with their providers is widening. The website features downloadable public service announcements (PSAs) from AHRQ's nationwide campaign with the Ad Council.

AHRQ has a free, continuous-loop DVD of the public service ads for waiting room showing called *Abre la boca* (Open your Mouth). Also available are free supplies of *¿Conoce usted cuales son las preguntas correctas que debe hacer?* (Do You Know the Right Questions to Ask?). This is a bilingual card with 10 key questions patients may want to ask their medical providers. To order these supplies, contact bob.isquith@ahrq.hhs.gov.

**Updated program website
New URL address**

**Check it out at
www.ksfhp.org**

Billing Reminders

Please notify billing personnel to submit bills as soon as possible after service to facilitate timely payment. **Due to reporting requirements, bills for services prior to December 1, 2011 must be received by January 15, 2012 for payment.** If you have questions, please contact your Regional Case Manager listed at the end of the newsletter or Cyndi Treaster at (785) 296-8113 or ctreaster@kdheks.gov.

OSHA's Campaign to Prevent Heat Illness in Outdoor Workers

This year, KSFHP has been focusing on issues related to Occupational Health in discussions with clients, outreach materials and the 2011 calendar. To support these efforts providers are encouraged to look at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) website. OSHA has started a campaign to prevent heat illness in outdoor workers. Even though Kansas weather is cooling down, these practices in preventing heat illness can be implemented year after year. The main components are:

- Drink water often
- Rest in the shade
- Report heat symptoms early
- Know what to do in an emergency

Details and more information can be found on OSHA's website at: www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/index.html. Check it out and share the information with your patients and/or co-workers.

2012 Calendars

New Health Promoter



Mary Rodriguez is joining our Central Kansas staff as a part-time Health Promoter. She is bi-lingual in English and Spanish. She will be based out of Salina and working with our Spanish speaking clients, with a focus on clients with diabetes. We are excited to have Mary as a part of our team and look forward to working with her in the coordination of services with KSFHP clients.



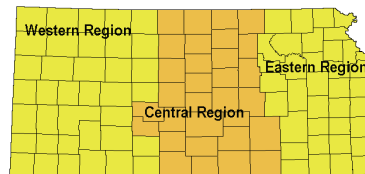
KSFHP staff are in the process of ordering calendars for 2012 to distribute to clients, providers, and partners. The focus is *maintain a healthy weight through healthy choices*. "LIVE HEALTHY" is the phrase used to capture this theme and it is written in English, Low German, Spanish and Chuukese on the calendar. This is the first year that all of the languages that are spoken by KSFHP clients are being incorporated. And the message is shown more clearly in pictures as well, focusing on activity, healthy eating and healthy habits. KSFHP staff will receive these calendars by November and begin distribution. Please contact your Regional Case Manager (see contact information below) to order calendars for your clinic or worksite.

KSFHP Resources

KSFHP realizes that resources for time and travel are limited, and, as a result, KSFHP staff will continue to offer webinars to orient and educate KSFHP Providers. If you would be interested in scheduling a webinar for your agency or add any staff to our e-mail list, please contact Kendra Baldrige at kbaldridge@kdheks.gov or (785) 296-2671. We are also sending out our newsletter only electronically in order to save paper and postage. Contact Kendra to be added to the e-mail list.

Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program Staff

Cyndi Treaster: Director (785) 296-8113 ctreaster@kdheks.gov



Regional Case Managers

Western Region

Tina Guenther
Office: (620) 275-4970
Cell: (620) 952-1470
tguenther@ummam.org

Western Region

Mary Marquez
Office: (620) 225-1873
Cell: (620) 428-1762
mmarquez@ummam.org

Central Region

Patricia Fernandez
Office: (785) 296-8983
Cell: (620) 617-7428
pfernandez@kdheks.gov

Eastern Region

Kendra Baldrige
Office: (785) 296-2671
Cell: (816) 590-7577
kbaldridge@kdheks.gov